3. Shri D. Devaraj Urs, B.A., M.L.A., Kankanahalli, Hunsur Taluk (Congress Party).

4. Shri F. X. Denis Pinto, M.L.A., Bolar, Mangalore (Congress Party).

5. Sri Raghavendrachari, M.L.C. Hosahalli Village, Kushtagi Taluk, Raichur District (Congress Party).

6. Shri C. E. Hoover, M.L.A., No. 19/1, New High School Road, Visweswarapuram, Bangalore (Independent).

7. Smt. Lakshmidevi Rammanna, B sc., M.L.A., 33, 4th Cross Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-2 (Congress Party).

8. Shri G. V. Ramachar, President, I.N.T.U.C.

9. Shri H. M. Gangadhariah, Ex-M.L.C., Gollahalli, Tumkur Taluk.

(*b*) This is only an Advisory Body and no amount is assigned or allotted.

(*c*) The Committee started functioning only from August last. The Committee has met so far thrice. The question of drawing T.A. and D.A. by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee does not arise since no journey is undertaken by them as the Committee meet in Bangalore. As regards to members, the amount drawn by them is not known since the payment is arranged by the Regional National Savings Officer, as the Secretary out of the funds placed by the Central Government at his disposal. No amount is spent by the State Government in this behalf.

Repairs to Becharak Naganayakana Palya Tank in Kora Hobli.

Q.—86. Sri G. N. PUTTANNA (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from ryots requesting them to effect repairs to Becharak Naganayakana Palya Tank in Kora hobli, Tumkur taluk ;

(*b*) since how many years petitions are being received by them ;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that the sluice and the weir have both breached ;

(*d*) if action to repair the same has already been taken, the stage at which the work is pending ;

(*e*) the reasons for delay in effecting repairs there to so far ?

A—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About 12 years.

(*c*) There is neither a sluice nor a weste-weir to this tank.

(*d*) An estimate for restoration of the tank has been got up. Sanction to the work under the Special Minor Irrigation programme is under consideration.

(*e*) Want of response from the benificiaries to the Notifications to execute the Mutchalikas, as per the prevailing rules at the time. The work was ordered to be dropped in the year 1949 and the question was revised only late in 1957.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The House now rises and will meet again after half-an-hour.

The House adjourned for recess at Ten of the Clock and re-assembled at Thirty Minutes past Ten of the Clock.

[Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair]

10-30 A.M.

Chair's ruling *re* : discussion on matters of Public importance arising out of answers to questions.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Hon'ble Member Sri K. Puttaswamy raised the question of discussion on matters of public importance arising out of answers to questions. For this session notices have been received in respect of 17 such matters. It is no doubt true that the right to give notice for raising such a discussion is a very valuable right of Hon'ble Members. But so far as the present session is concerned, I may inform the House that Sri M. C. Narasimhan's notice was the second

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one received in the office. The first one was disposed of. The second notice has been put down in the order paper from time to time on every Wednesday and Friday. But on all the days on which this was put down, the House, either because of the long duration of the sitting or for some other reason expressed the desire not to sit beyond the conclusion of the business and generally agreed to the postponement of this discussion. It has therefore become necessary for this particular notice of Shri M. C. Narasimhan put down on the order paper from day today to be postponed every time. This has no doubt resulted in the holding up of the other notices given by other Hon'ble Members subsequently. If Hon'ble Members want that this right should be freely exercised and the discussions take place on the notices, it is necessary that the House should generally be prepared to sit for half an hour on every Wednesday or Friday after the conclusion of the business. The Chair is always willing to sit for this half-hour after the conclusion of the business of the day, but can do so only if the House is also agreeable to sit. If the Members should express a desire not to sit, it will be very difficult for the Chair to enforce the rule. For the future, I express the hope that the House will be prepared to sit for half-hour after the conclusion of the business of the day so that such notices may be reached and the matters discussed.

Statement re: Privilege Motion.

SRI B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—Sir, I rise to make a statement in regard to the privilege motion tabled by one of the Hon'ble Members of this House in connection with the visit of the Members of the Public Accounts Committee to the Tungabhadra Project on 23rd January 1959. A communication was also received in this behalf by Government in February 1959 from the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee stating that in spite of advance notice given by the Legislature Secretariat to the officers concerned about the visit of the Committee to the Tungabhadra Project, no arrangements for the stay of the Members had been made and the Committee had to cancel its programme in so far as the Tungabhadra Project was concerned.

2. Government have had preliminary enquiries made in this connection. It is ascertained that on receipt of the programme of the Committee, the Secretary of the Tungabhadra Board intimated the Legislature Secretariat in his letter of 16th January 1959 that as the 'Vaikunt' Guest House was under repairs, accommodation could not be provided therein. However, on receipt of the communications both from the Legislature Secretariat and from Government about the visit of the Committee the Chief Engineer, Major Irrigation (North) had reserved part of 'Indra Bhavan' Guest House at Munirabad and also one of the quarters in the Colony for the use of the Members. The Members of the Committee are understood to have arrived at 'Vaikunt' at about 1 P.M. on the 23rd January 1959—perhaps because they were not aware of the intimation sent earlier by the Tungabhadra Board to the Legislature Secretariat about the non-availability of that Guest House. It transpires on enquiries so far made that the Superintending Engineer, Tungabhadra Board, who was contacted by the Committee on arrival suggested that the members may proceed to 'Indra Bhavan' at Munirabad. It would appear, however, that the Members proceeded from 'Vaikunt' to Hospet and from there on to Kampli. The Chief Engineer and other Officers who are ascertained to have been awaiting the arrival of the Members at Munirabad until about 1 P.M. got information about the actual arrival of the Members only at about 4 P.M., and the Chief Engineer thereafter proceeded to Kampli and is understood to have informed the Committee Members about the reservation of accommodation at Munirabad. The Deputy Minister who was at Munirabad, on that day, and who was likewise awaiting the arrival of the members, also met them subsequently and apprised them of the arrangements made at